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**The Moffatt bell punches** will cost the State \$5 each.

**N. P. BANKS**, of Red river fame, has become a confirmed spiritualist.

**The Georgetown Record** is published by W. N. Foster and edited by N. Q. Henderson.

**The firemen of San Antonio** want the next annual meeting of the State Association held in that city.

**GEN. TREVINO** says emphatically that he will not be a candidate for the Mexican presidency.

**TOADS** are sold in Pasis by the barrel. Vegetable gardeners buy them to devour insects in their gardens.

**WM. ELLIOTT**, alias Colorado Bill, has been convicted of murder in the United States Court at Fort Smith.

**The Spofford-Kellogg case** is undergoing investigation by the senate committee on privileges and elections.

**The railroad war** on freights eastward from St. Louis is over and rates have been advanced to the Chicago basis.

**The BANNER** is indebted to Hon. S. B. Maxey for a copy of the president's message and documents 1878-9.

**WENDELL PHILLIPS** and John G. Whittier are about the only distinguished survivors of the original abolitionists.

**COL. CANNON**, of the Santa Fe railway, has called a meeting at Belton on June 14th in the interest of the company.

**WISCONSIN** was visited by a severe frost on the night of the 6th inst. Corn, potatoes and vegetables were badly damaged.

**Snow storms** prevailed at North Troy and Sandwich, N. H., on the 7th inst. Crops are much damaged by the snow and frost.

**THE Corpus Christi Bull Dog** has yelped its last yelp, and barked its last bark. It has gone to meet the Caldwell Eagle.

**BELTON** is certainly a model town; during the three days of the fireman's celebration there wasn't a drunken man in town.

**THE Lawrence house** at Burlington, Iowa, was burned on the 6th inst. The guests escaped from the upper stories by ladders.

**THE strike** among the iron workers at Pittsburgh has ceased, the manufacturers having agreed to the demands of the workers.

**At Corsicana** they are listening for the whistle of the St. Louis and Texas narrow gauge railway. The people talk nothing but railroad.

**WITH its issue of Sunday** last the Dallas Commercial ceased its existence as an individual paper and merged its fortunes with the Herald.

**THE Hillsboro people** are desirous of railroad connection with some point or other—they ain't a bit particular and would be satisfied with a narrow gauge one.

**GEN. HAMPTON** made a speech in the senate on the army appropriation bill, he favors keeping up the army but would not have it used as an instrument of oppression.

**THE state board** to award contracts for conveying convicts to the penitentiary, met in Austin on the 5th and awarded the contract to Cunningham & Ellis at \$30 per capita. There was only five bidders in all. Cunningham & Ellis are the present lessees of the penitentiary.

WACO has a magnificent \$40,000 opera house—on paper. The San Antonio Express consoles itself with the reflection that Waco is only that much ahead of its town.

**THE Waco Telegram** gives notice that in referring to the Dallas Herald and Commercial it will abbreviate it to H-C, as time is money and life is short.

**At Las Vegas, N. M.**, on the 3d inst., an Italian and a Mexican in jail at that place on a charge of murder, were taken out by citizens and hanged on the public square.

**AN Austin special** to the News says there will be a good working majority in the senate for cutting down the school appropriation, but the house is not yet heard from.

**THE colored convention** is to be held at Houston, because watermelons will be cheap and abundant. Houston is the best watermelon market in the world—for buyers.

**A SPECIAL to the News** says that Washington says the prospects of Homan's confirmation now look very favorable. If he is confirmed it will be time to "tally" one for Wash Jones.

**THE Horticultural and Pomological** exhibition at Houston has been promised a cabinet of Japanese curiosities and vertu, including the trees and fruit of Japan persimmon and orange.

**THE Flatonia Argus** publishes a telling caricature. It is a school house with the door and windows barred up. A man standing in front says, "Go home, no school for poor children."

**THE Indians** have put on a bold front and on Saturday morning stole horses from within two miles of Fort McKavett. The trail was found six miles out and a party was sent in pursuit.

**THERE seems to be a probability** that the letter carrier system will be introduced in Texas cities having over 20,000 inhabitants. It will be a year or two before Brenham has letter carriers.

**THE Navasota Tablet** says that John Wesley Hardin, from his cell at Huntsville, now confesses to the murder of Haldean in Gonzales county, for which crime Brown Bowen was executed last summer.

**THE Sherman and Denison** local editors have been studying Chesterfield. One in referring to the other says: "Fresh jackass from Kentucky, lop eared cur, etc." It's real nice to be a luke on one of those papers.

**THE Dallas Bee** learns that a new evening paper is soon to make its appearance and says unless they have means and talent to establish a good paper it would be a good thing if the fool-killer would come along and slay them.

**MAJ. T. E. DAVIS** has retired from the Houston Telegram and Col. J. L. Bartow succeeds to the editorial chair. Col. Bartow is well known in Texas journalism and will no doubt fully maintain the standard and reputation of the Telegram.

**THE News' San Antonio** sifter says the Houston papers talk of an excursion from San Antonio to Houston on the 4th of July, and on that day everybody goes out into the country, so when a San Antonian goes to Houston on the 4th of July he is out in the country.

**THE Huntsville Item** began its twenty-ninth year with its last issue. It is becoming quite an aged paper, but its venerable proprietor, Item George, has not yet grown rich, though there is no telling what he may do before the expiration of the present century.

**THE Grand Army of the Republic** will hold a national encampment at Albany, N. Y., on the 17th inst. It is to be the grandest gathering of the organization ever held. The president and most of his cabinet will be present, as well as most of the stalwart leaders of the country.

**HOUSTON** is about to put herself on a summer basis, an effort will be made to disband the police force, leaving the chief and deputy to police the city themselves. The fire department is also to be abolished.

**THE silver bill** hangs fire in the senate, the friends of the bill will make strenuous efforts to get it through. The anti-silver democrats, headed by Bayard, are working with the republicans to defeat it.

**HERE is one of the very latest** news items that is going the rounds of the press: "Thomas Jefferson was only 23 years old when he wrote the declaration of independence." News items were scarce when that paragraph was framed.

**THE Houston Telegram** refuses to be comforted. We have offered to exonerate Houston over the Santa Fe railway to Brenham next fall, and the Telegram is not satisfied, it wants a through ticket to Jeddah, Hong-Kong and Yokohama.

**THE Flatonia Argus** says it has set down on the governor and intends to stay there until he signs an appropriation for the maintenance of free schools, and thereby give the children of the poor an opportunity to obtain an education.

**IX OHIO** there is trouble in the greenback camp. A convention was held at Columbus on the 4th and several prominent men made speeches denouncing its action. Another convention is called for Toledo, at which a new ticket is to be nominated.

**THE Brownwood Daily Banner** has made its appearance at this office. Brownwood is now an important mining town; a Leadville. Irish Jake runs a barshop while Happy Jack dispenses fluid comfort, and the Banner itself supports a hefty fighting editor.

**THE legislature** meets to-day. The governors' opening message, it is reported, will be brief. The first business disposed of will probably be the appropriation for the payment of the interest on the public debt, after that the school question will bloom out in all its glory.

**AT appears that the production** of the precious metals is falling off materially. From mint reports ninety-five millions of gold and silver were produced last year, but for this year the estimate is only sixty-five millions. The theory of the demonetization of silver is losing ground and its remonetization becomes more probable.

**THE Colorado Citizen** discourses on the Kansas emigration question. It thinks the best thing the colored man can do is to stay where he is. We think he had as well go to Kansas as any other northern state—it is time lost advising the negro. He can vote the republican ticket as well in Kansas as he can in Texas.

**THE Belton Journal** expresses its opinion of our man Jones, congressman Jones. It says he has no more back bone than a grub worm, and he would make a first-class demagogue if he had a little more courage and brass to counterbalance the dog inherent in his composition. This is pretty rough on Jones, but the BANNER can stand it if Jones can.

**SAN ANTONIO** has been visited by several excursions from Galveston and attempted to get up an excursion to repay the compliment. The railway company could not be induced to come to terms, and it had to be abandoned. Just after the opening of the road a number of San Antonians excused to Galveston and returned home satisfied that Galveston people were well up in the art of charging.

**IT is reported** that James Murphy, the man who "gave away" the Bass gown, died in great agony of poison at his home in Denton county. He has lived a life of terror since his treachery, sleeping in jail or under guard for safety. Underwood and Jackson, the only remaining members of the gang were seen in the neighborhood the day before Murphy's death.

## Newspaper Puffs.

A case involving the value of newspaper puffing, has lately been decided in the Missouri supreme court. It appears that the proprietors of the St. Louis Republic, at the time the great bridge there was projected, were engaged to write up the enterprise in their paper. In final settlement the paper received bridge stock to the amount of twenty-five thousand dollars. The bridge company getting into the hands of creditors it was claimed that the stock issued to the newspaper had not been paid for, and suit was brought to enforce payment. The judge in delivering his opinion said: Public journals use their columns and their influence for the legitimate purpose of earning money, and this fact is well known to the community at large. It was necessary for the bridge company to have means reaching the public ear, and neither the company, nor the public expected this for nothing, nor is it likely that the public at large is deceived by such use of the public press. The stock was held to have been fully paid for in editorial work.

**THIS is most conclusive** evidence of the value of newspaper influence, yet some persons suppose that it is the mission of a newspaper to puff them for fun.

**ABOUT one quarter** of the dealers in "wet groceries" in McLennan county will retire from business as soon as the bell punch is inaugurated. This proportion will probably hold good throughout the state and may even be larger. There is just about so much whiskey to be drunk in every county and whether the bell rings or not it will be done. The bell punch law was enacted to increase the revenue, time will show whether it does or not. The indications are that it will not and there will be much clandestine whiskey drinking. When the time comes for paying the license and getting the punch many who now think they will go into it will back out so that the proportion of drinking houses will more than likely be reduced over one half.

**THE unveiling of two monuments** erected to the memory of the confederate dead, at Winchester, Va., took place on the 5th inst. The first monument is of marble 49 feet in height, surmounted by the statue of a confederate soldier resting on his musket. It bears the inscription: "Erected by the people of the south, to 829 unknown confederate dead in grateful remembrance of their heroic efforts and their example of unstinted devotion to duty." The other monument is a marble shaft, surmounted by an urn. Gen. Joseph E. Johnston was chief marshal on this occasion.

**THE Houston Telegram** calls attention to a subject that sooner or later will be of vast importance to the south. It is small farms, cultivated by the owner, in other words the farmer is his own landlord and becomes identified with the community and its interests. The system of large farms has proved unsuccessful in many localities, especially in the western states. In the south it is but little better and but few large plantations are making money, though in some instances they are.

**THE senate finance committee** have, by a majority of one, resolved to postpone consideration of the silver bill till December. The west and south want unlimited coinage of silver while the east, representing the money power is opposed to it. Bayard of Delaware is one of the leaders of the anti-silver party. Just how the democratic party is going to harmonize on this, the silver problem, is a question that the leaders of the party must determine. It promises to be a knotty question, but we have an abiding faith in the cohesion of the grand old democratic party.

**THE LaGrange Record** thinks there are too many negroes in Texas; that they are a luxury and a very expensive luxury at that. It says colored criminals and colored schools cost at least \$400,000 annually. It would make short work by abolishing the schools and paying \$800,000 for criminals; the schools are too expensive.

## Political Liberty.

The Fairfield, Iowa, Tribune of last week says: "Some twenty-two colored people of this city started for Kansas, by wagon. Several of them had been cured here. These poor fellows have been cured by the party which is here, the republican party. They go to escape political persecution, and to a land where at least occasionally they will be recognized in nominating conventions."

The question now is will the republican journals of the north, the Chicago Inter-Ocean, the St. Louis Globe-Democrat and others of the same ilk give any publicity to this Iowa item. In this instance we have colored men in free, enlightened, republican Iowa completely debarr'd of their political rights they dare not vote unless they vote right, and voting right is voting the republican ticket. To such an extent has this been carried that they have been compelled to leave in order to secure political freedom. In Iowa the negro is a chattel politically; he is allowed no privileges, holds no offices and goes a delegate to no conventions. He has no political liberty whatever. The republican party have been in overwhelming majority in Iowa and it seems have right well used their power. The president should send the army to Fairfield, Iowa, to protect the "wards of the nation." It may however make a great difference with the administration as to whose bull is gored. In the south the negro is accorded the fullest civil and political liberty, he votes the republican ticket early and often and does it as a sacred duty, a duty upon which his future salvation depends and in some parts of the country, as in Iowa, it is dangerous for him to vote any other way. Here in Texas we have some half dozen negroes in the legislature and in several counties we have negro county officials, in fact we have them here in Washington county, and in addition to this, we have negro representatives in the legislature and no one complains, and yet with all this the stalwarts of the north complain that the negro is abridged of his liberty and efforts are made to induce him to go to Kansas. Republicans in the north state means bulldozing and in the southern states it means the same thing.

**THE Galveston News** of the 7th inst. is fairly loaded down with the advertisement of the city delinquent tax list, the same occupying nearly the entire second page. Extensive tax sales are bad signs. This advertisement is published in the News because it is desired by the collector that the people of Galveston shall know that their property is advertised for sale. It might have been published in other Galveston papers at a mere nominal price, but would in that case have failed to answer its purpose, as, but comparatively few persons would have known it. Tax sales are published in the newspapers for general information.

**THE federal court** has rendered judgement against Harrison county for \$800,000 on the Texas and Pacific subsidy bonds.

**Weimar** has just had an extensive conflagration, and as usual in such cases, the citizens are going to organize a fire department.

**Charles Horton**, a Denton county farmer, blew his brains out in bed while his wife was asleep by his side. She was not awakened.

**Jos. Nalle**, an Austin alderman, who killed a man in that city some months ago, has got a change of venue to Williamson county.

**Dave Welty**, of Denison, is engaged extensively in the cultivation of blackberries. He thinks they will pay better than strawberries.

**The killing of the fisherman Mueller**, a few miles above Austin, is characterized by the Austin papers as a cold-blooded wanton murder.

**The examination of Thomas Morris** occupied four days at Hempstead, being concluded at 11 o'clock on Friday night. Bail was refused.

## STATE NEWS.

—Brownwood wants a railroad.  
—Texarkana has four newspapers.

—Cotton picking will soon begin in Brownsville.  
—Flotonia is about to establish a graded school.

—A walking match is in progress at Worth.  
—The citizens of Hillsboro held a railroad meeting—their railway connection with the other world and don't care what road gives it to them.

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—The new city officials of Dallas are, it is said, giving general dissatisfaction. They are doing a great many things that they ought not to do and the things they ought to do are left undone.

—The Denison News of the 5th inst. says a wagon containing a colored man and his family passed through town on Tuesday evening. They were from Washington county and en route for Colorado.

—Louis Lebrecht was arraigned before Justice Riddle at Denison, on Wednesday last for violation of the Sunday law, the case was tried by a jury and ably argued by counsel. The verdict was not guilty.

—A planter at Eagle Lake, Colorado county, writes to his father in Galveston, that cotton worms are numerous in that section, and that nothing short of vigorous poisoning will save the crop when they reappear.

—The negroes in the vicinity of Golinda, Falls county, have established an "exodus" of their own. Those who go never return. Three have been killed during the past few days. A woman was the cause of it all.

—All the hogs about Flatonia got on a grand drunk the other day. The brewery had a lot of sour beer and turned it out where the hogs had a chance to drink it and make hogs of themselves by getting royally tight.

—Some people are easily pleased: new corn has appeared in Jefferson and the jump man shouts, "Glory! we'll soon revel in fried roasting ears!"

—Jerome Hawkes was arrested at Georgetown last Saturday. He is in great demand, being wanted in Bell, Milam and Tarrant counties.

—The Waco Examiner speaks of Brown, the ex-manager, who figured there last winter as a "very lordly cuss." The description is good.

—Ben Baker, editor of the Columbus Citizen, has been re-elected mayor of that city. The people seem to know when they have a good officer.

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